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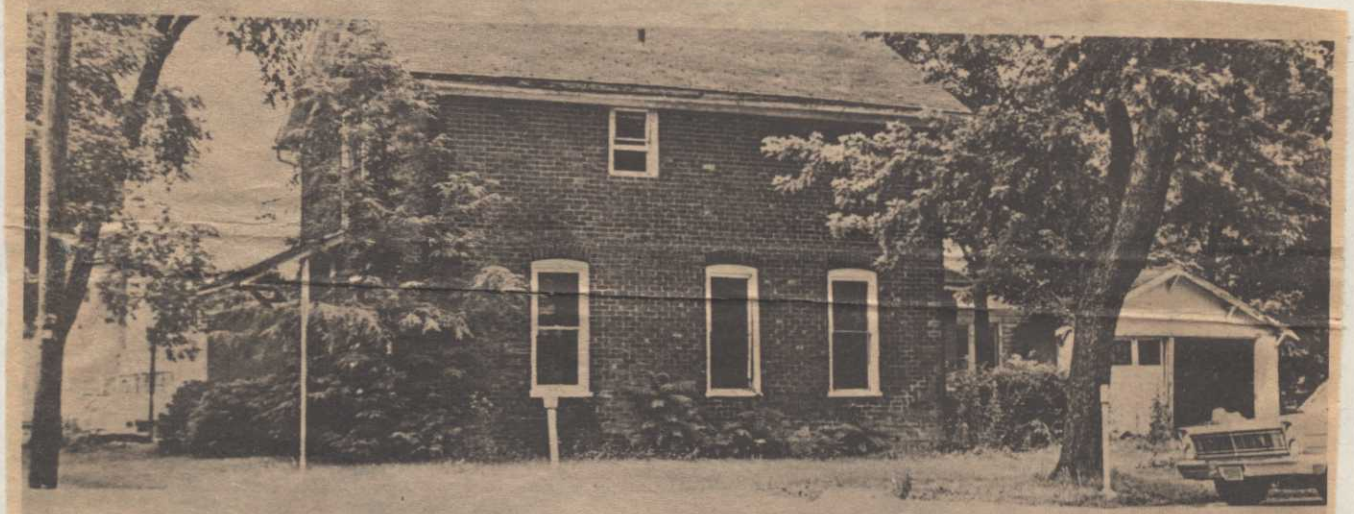
Landmarks Disappear

Above:

Status quo buffs are getting quite shook up this week It seems as if everywhere one turns well known landmarks are coming down. Pictured here at the corner of 4th and Center Streets against the background of the annual Old Fashioned Sidewalk Days, the former Donald Ballantyne residence lies in a heap of rubble and 3 generations of memories.

Below:

Going and Gone photos of the John Gordon home at 2nd and Center, which was razed this week. John Gordon was once the town pharmacist working with his brother, Dr. Pliny Gordon who was the town physician from 1865 until into the 1900's. The home of John Gordon's daughter, the late Mrs. Mae Ballantyne was shown being demolished a few weeks ago. It was once the carriage house for this home which was Mrs. Ballantyne's birthplace.



Among the memories and mementoes of this home: an interesting letter from John Gordon, now in the possession of the Hobart Historical Society, in which he describes his first experience on arriving in Hobart in 1864. Getting off the stage at the corner of 1st and Main, Gordon found a dance going on at the stage stop which was then Hammond's Tavern (now the site of the Hobart Library). The price of admission to the dance was $2.50, which Gordon thought was pretty stiff until he learned that the cost of admission included a deed to a lot in the new cemetery being located three blocks east (on Cleveland).

Another familiar structure which also came down during the past week is the old barn off the alley east of Main and North of Third. The property of the estate of the late Vernon Traeger, the old barn was regularly rented out in the old days for the horses and wagons of local stores who delivered their products to the customers.

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